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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 434X); BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Fergus County, MT

Dear Secretary Williams:

On November 25, 2005, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a line of railroad between milepost 9.50 near Moore, MT, and milepost 28.35 near Lewistown, MT, as well as the Berg Lumber Spur (milepost 0.00 – milepost 1.30) and the Heath Spur (milepost 0.00 – milepost 1.10), also near Lewistown, a total distance of 21.25 miles in Fergus County, MT. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 59457 and 59464.

By decision served December 14, 2005, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective on January 13, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated the abandonment was to be consummated as of December 14, 2006.

By decision served on January 11, 2006, the proceeding was reopened and a 180-day period was authorized for the City of Lewistown, MT (Lewistown) to negotiate an interim trail use/railbanking agreement with BNSF for the right-of-way.

By decision served July 11, 2006, the Board granted Lewistown's request to extend the NITU negotiating period until January 8, 2007.

By decision served January 5, 2007, the Board granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation of abandonment until June 14, 2007.

On January 5, 2007, BNSF filed a letter with the Board advising that BNSF was railbanking the subject line from milepost 13.88 to milepost 28.35, including the Berg Lumber Spur (milepost 0.00 – milepost 1.30) and the Heath Spur (milepost 0.00 – milepost 1.10).

This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF intends to use a portion of the line for car storage. Specifically, BNSF requests authority from the Board to discontinue only, and not abandon, that portion of the subject line between milepost 9.50 and milepost 13.88, a distance of approximately 4.38 miles. Accordingly, the Board should remove the remaining historical conditions because

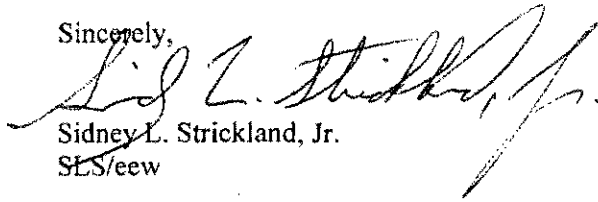
BNSF will no longer have authorization to abandon the Line. Should BNSF wish to abandon the line at a later date, BNSF will seek Board authority and comply with all applicable regulations.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.
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cc: Kenneth Blodgett
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